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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:
POSTDOCTORAL AND TRAVEL PROPOSALS

REF: A) MADRID 6155; B) STATE 79305; C) STATE 58265;
D) MADRID 2009

1. WHILE U.S. SIDE WILLING TO AUTHORIZE POST DOCTORAL AND
TRAVEL GRANTS AS SET FORTH IN REF A, WE HAVE SEVERAL
PRECONDITIONS SET FORTH BELOW, WHICH SHOULD BE JOINTLY
AGREED TO.

2. U.S. FLAG CARRIERS - IN REF B WE PROVIDED THE LEGAL
CITATION WHICH REQUIRES THAT ANY GRANTEE WHOSE TRAVEL
IS PAID WITH APPROPRIATED FUNDS MUST TRAVEL ON U.S. FLAG
CARRIERS WHERE SUCH SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF
THIS CLEAR CUT LEGAL REQUIREMENT (PL 93-623), U.S. SIDE

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UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL ON ANY OTHER AIRLINE WHEN
U.S. FLAG AVAILABLE.

3. LEVEL OF PROGRAMS - IN APPROVING POST DOCTORAL AND
TRAVEL GRANTS (REF C), U.S. SIDE STATED THAT THESE TWO
PROGRAMS TOGETHER WITH DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS COULD TOTAL
NO MORE THAN 10 OF ANNUAL PROGRAM, OR \$640,000; REF D

INDICATES EMBASSY RELAYED THIS TO SPANISH SIDE. REF A PROPOSAL FOR POST DOC AND TRAVEL GRANTS TOTAL \$203,220 WHICH, UNDER THE 10 RULE, WOULD LEAVE \$436,780 AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS. SINCE SPANISH PROPOSALS FOR ALLOCATION FOR DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS TOTALS \$510,158, A REDUCTION OF \$73,378 WOULD BE REQUIRED. FYI. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF SPANISH DIRECT RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS INDICATES THREE PROPOSALS, TOTALING \$112,959, WHICH COULD BE CANDIDATES FOR DISAPPROVAL (P3080, P773177, T3770145); IF THOSE THREE PROPOSALS ELIMINATED, TOTALS OF POST DOC, TRAVEL AND DIRECT RESEARCH WOULD BE WITHIN ACCEPTABLE LIMITS. END FYI.

4. SECRETARIAT PROCEDURES - AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE YET TO AGREE ON SECRETARIAT ACCOUNTING AND DISBURSING PROCEDURES, AND DISPOSITION OF INTEREST ON SPANISH BANK ACCOUNTS. WE BELIEVE SOME ACCOMODATION MUST BE REACHED ON THESE ITEMS BEFORE FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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